


REMARKS

Supplemental Response to Notice

In connection with the **July 9, 2009** Amendment filed by Applicants, the USPTO mailed a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Under **37 C.F.R. § 1.121** (hereinafter “**Notice**”). The **Notice** was issued by the USPTO because new claims **44-47** were improperly *left marked* as underlined text because the “track changes” feature/setting of the word-processor was *inadvertently* left as “set” to ON when these new claims were being typed. And, therefore, new claims **44-47** were also *inadvertently* left marked as underlined when they should *not* have been so underlined.

To correct that error, the USPTO mailed the above-noted **Notice** indicating (at box **4** thereof) that “New claims are not suppose[d] to be underlined” and further noting that “[i]f any of the above boxes 1 to 4 are checked, the correction required is only the corrected section of the non-complaint amendment in compliance with **37 C.F.R. § 1.121**.” (Emphasis added.)

As such, Applicants submit herewith the corrected **Listing of the Claims** section beginning at page **2** of this paper – but now – with the improper underlining being removed with respect to new claims **44-47**. New claims **44-47** are recited at pages **8-9** of this paper. The entirety of the corrected **Listing of the Claims** section of this paper is at pages **2-9** of this paper.

Accordingly, in response to the USPTO’s **Notice** (mailed **September 15, 2009**), the Commissioner is respectfully requested to consider and enter this Supplemental Response to the **Notice** submitted on this **15th** day of **October 2009** by facsimile transmission as indicated on the first page of this paper – providing the properly executed Certificate of Facsimile Transmission. A total of **11** pages are being faxed to the USPTO’s fax phone number being **571-273-8300** by the undersigned. 

No fees are believed to be due for the filing of this Supplemental Response as it is being filed before expiration of the one-month due date of **October 15, 2009**. In view of this Supplemental Response, no other changes have been made. Thus, the status of the claims is the same as noted in the Amendment previously filed before the USPTO on July 9, 2009. For convenience, the Status of the Claims is being reiterated below.

Also, the prior Amendment filed on July 9, 2009 before the USPTO is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. However, the claims are now submitted in the proper form by removing the underlining of new claims **44-47**.

Status of the Claims


Claims **1 - 4, 7 - 26, and 29 - 43** together with new dependent claims **44-47** are now pending. Claims **5-6** and **27-28** have been previously cancelled without prejudice. New dependent claims **44-45** ultimately depend from independent base claim **1**. New dependent claims **46-47** ultimately depend from independent base claim **39**.

Claims 1, 2, 14, 39 and 40 have been amended and new claims 44-47 have been added without introducing new matter as noted in further detail below.

If any issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney so that any remaining issues (if any) may be promptly resolved to secure allowance of the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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